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REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

Claims 17 and 21-24 are pending in the application. Claim 17 has been amended and claims 18-20 have been cancelled by the instant amendment. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendments.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II, drawn to claims 17 and 21-24.

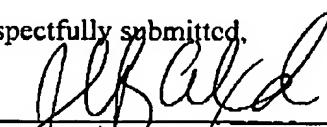
The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected and/or cancelled subject matter in this or a subsequent application.

Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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